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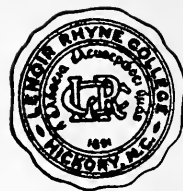
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# The President Speaks



My Fellow Alumni:

Do you have a vivid realization of the fellowship which is yours as a member of the family of Lenoir Rhyne College?

In recent weeks it has been my choice privilege to attend alumni dinners in China Grove, N. C., Columbia, S. C., Philadelphia, and New York City. The programs and conversation at these widely separated meetings revolved around Lenoir Rhyne.

Those present represented classes from 1895 to 1955. Their service includes responsible positions in home, church, and state—in business and in the professions. Their homes are scattered over a span of 800 miles. Some have not been back to the campus for many years. All were eager for the latest word on college activities particularly the progress of the development program.

Mingling with these groups gives one a vivid impression of the far-reaching contribution and service of our Alma Mater, covering a period of sixty-five years and literally encircling the globe. We can have a justifiable pride in the lines of leadership and of influence that have gone out from LRC in her sons and daughters.

Meeting alumni far and near causes one not only to reflect upon the past but also to contemplate the future. The record of our alumni and their rapidly increasing number, the growing constituency, the enlargement of campus and facilities, the devotion of an able faculty and the strengthening of the educational program through these sixty-five years since 1891 give Lenoir Rhyne enviable prestige and opportunity which presage finer achievements ahead.

This wealth of fellowship in higher education for Christian growth and service is ours to enjoy and share and expand. We participate in it is the proportion that we maintain our ties with our Alma Mater.

The approaching commencement, with Alumni Day on May 26, affords a grand opportunity for renewing your fellowship with the family of Lenoir Rhyne. We hope to share your fellowship here, but if you can't be present our thoughts will reach you there.

VOIGT R. CROMER,  
President

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## A Commencement Message

Saturday, May 26 is the day for all of us to circle on our calendars NOW. Why? Because it is ALUMNI DAY on the campus of our alma mater. A wonderful program has been arranged so we hope you and yours will come early and stay late.

Some excellent reasons for making every effort to attend the 1956 Alumni Day celebration:

1. An opportunity to see your classmates and school chums and discuss the good old days at L. R. The happenings and experiences since graduation day will be told and relived by hundreds on this very eventful Saturday.
2. An opportunity for you to see the new Monroe Auditorium and the Shuford Gymnasium under construction. Inspect the many new campus improvements including the new maintenance building which has just been completed.
3. Relive the spirit of a graduation week end by welcoming into our fellowship, our new alumni, the class of 1956.

We'll be looking forward to seeing you May 26, so dust off the valise and polish up the car. All roads lead to Hickory.

Sincerely,

C. MILLER SIGMON, President  
General Alumni Association.



# COLLEGE

## N. C. Churches Host For L. R. Sunday

Lenoir Rhyne College Sunday—an annual observance of the United Lutheran Synod of North Carolina which stresses the importance and present functions of the Hickory institution—was held in churches from Asheville and Hendersonville to New Bern and Wilmington on Sunday, April 15.

More than 150 student and faculty speakers carried the message of the college to 94 congregations throughout North Carolina. April 15 was also designated by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. as National Christian College Day.

"We rejoice to have 94 churches in our Synod requesting representatives from the college to participate in their services and help them observe Lenoir Rhyne College Sunday," Dr. Voigt R. Cromer, president, stated. Continuing, Dr. Cromer said; "This testifies to the close relationship of the college to the church. It is a stimulating experience for the students, faculty and staff members, who visit the churches and for the people of the host congregations. A large number of other churches which have not asked for representatives will take note of Lenoir Rhyne Sunday through a message of the pastor or in some other appropriate manner."

"The observance will be the most widespread this year of any since it was inaugurated, which reflects the interest of our Lutheran Synod in its college," President Cromer stated in conclusion.

The purpose of the visitation was to emphasize the importance of Christian Higher Education and the work of Lenoir Rhyne college in particular. The primary purpose of the Lutheran school is to foster and direct intellectual, social, physical and spiritual development under positive Christian influences.

## Final Plans Made For 65th Commencement

Speakers for the sixty-fifth Annual Commencement at Lenoir Rhyne college were announced as follows by President Voigt R. Cromer.

Dr. Theodore A. Distler, of Washington, D. C., Executive Director of the Association of American Colleges, will deliver the the address at graduation exercises; Dr. Robert P. Roth, of Columbia, S. C., Dean of Graduate School at Lutheran Southern Seminary, will preach the Baccalaureate Service.

The Reverend J. White Iddings, of Albemarle, pastor of First Lutheran Church, will be the speaker for the annual Alumni Luncheon.

Dr. Distler, an outstanding American Educator, has served on the faculty and administration of New York University. He was Dean of Lafayette College from 1934-1941 and President of Franklin and Marshall College, 1941-1954.

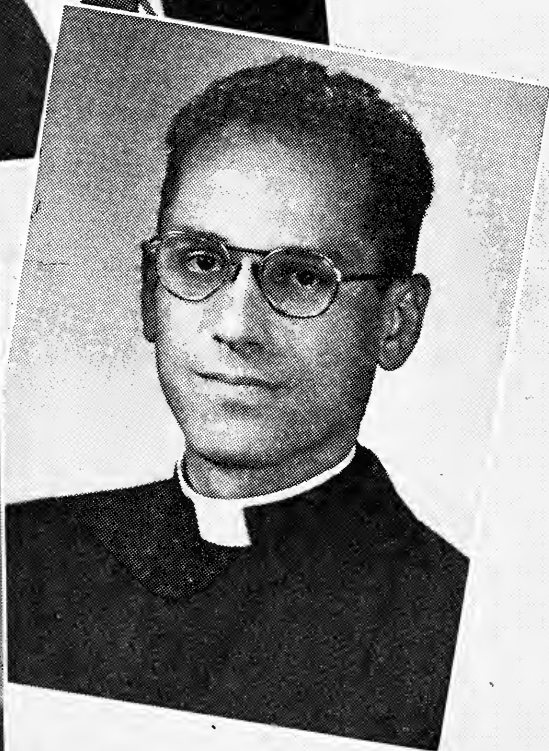
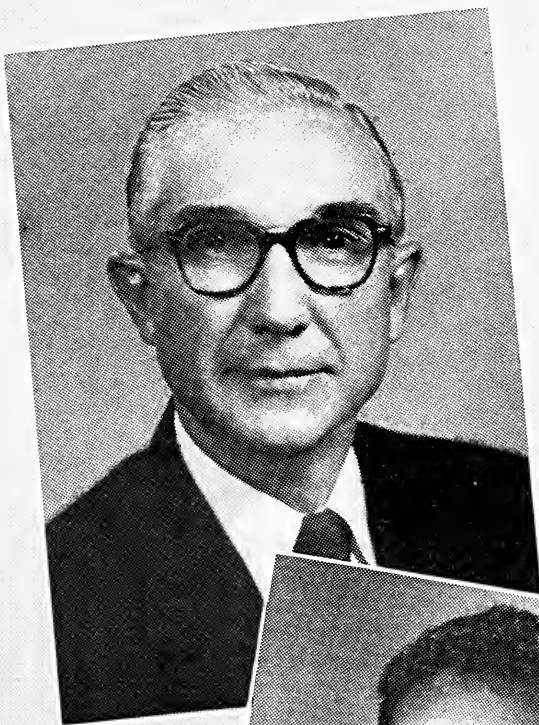
Dr. Roth prominent Lutheran clergyman and educator, has served pastorates in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Red Wing, Minnesota. He has served professorships at Lutheridge Seminary, Rajahmundry, India; Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill.; and St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.

The Rev. Iddings, prominent North Carolina Lutheran minister, is an alumnus of Lenoir Rhyne college, class of 1927. He has served several pastorates throughout North Carolina and has been recognized for his service to the United Lutheran Church in America, both on state and national levels. He is at present serving as a member of the Board of Trustees of Lenoir Rhyne college.

Alumni Day will be held on the local campus Saturday, May 26. The Baccalaureate service is scheduled for Sunday morning, May 27, with the graduation exercises on the following Monday morning, May 28.



## *Commencement Weekend, May 26-28, To Feature Iddings, Roth, Distler As Graduation Speakers*



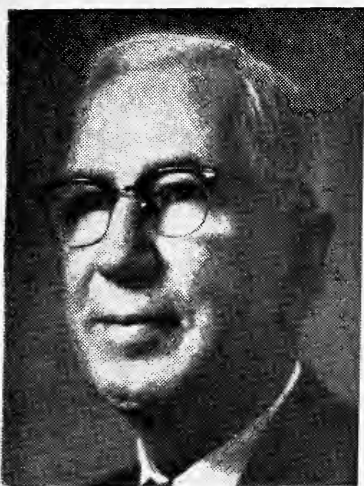
Guest speakers for the 65th Commencement exercises at Lenoir Rhyne College are shown above in an unusual pictorial layout. From top to bottom are Rev. J. White Iddings, Albemarle, Alumni Luncheon speaker; Dr. Robert Paul Roth, Columbia, S. C., Baccalaureate Service speaker; and Dr. Theodore A. Distler, Washington, D. C., Graduation exercises speaker.



May Court lovelies pose for one last picture prior to the May 5 observance of May Day. Front row, left to right, are Barbara Rhyne, Charlotte, Freshman Class; Mickie Yount, Hickory, Commercial Class; Second row, Jo Ann Hawn, Winston-Salem, Junior Class; Yvonne Seagle, Hickory, Sophomore Class; Shirley Keaton, Charleston, S. C., Junior Class; Glenda Jenks, Cherryville, Commercial Class; and Margo Sicha, Asheville, Freshman Class. Back row, Judy Ford, Cherryville, Sophomore Class; Ann Walter, Albemarle, Senior Class; Andrea Haugaard, Orlando, Fla., May Queen; and Mary Ann McCarley, Hickory, Maid of Honor.



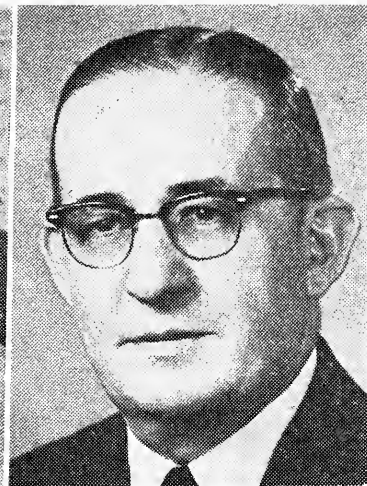
Lenoir Rhyne's noted A Cappella Choir recently completed their Southern tour, receiving wide acclaim throughout Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. Under the direction of Prof. Kenneth B. Lee, the choir completed their concert season on May 6 with a special performance in the college church.



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PRESIDENT, LUMBERMAN, PROFESSOR RECOGNIZED—

## THREE TO BE HONORED DURING GRADUATION EXERCISES

Lenoir Rhyne college will confer two honorary Doctor of Law degrees and a Distinguished Service Award during the forthcoming 65th Annual Commencement Exercises, scheduled for Monday, May 28.

Christopher Alphonso Kaufmann, president of Newberry College, Newberry, S. C., and Malcolm Monroe Palmer, church, civic and industrial leader of Albemarle, N. C. will receive the honorary Doctor of Law degrees, while Harlan L. Creech, Sr., of Hickory, professor of commerce at Lenoir Rhyne for 33 years, will be presented the Distinguished Service Award.

The three honor awards are being given upon recommendation of the Lenoir Rhyne college faculty, the administration and the Board of Trustees.

Christopher A. Kaufmann, a 1929 graduate of Newberry College, has been a member of the Newberry staff from 1930 to 1941 and from 1949 to 1955, serving terms as registrar, instructor in Latin and Spanish, assistant to the president, director of public relations and acting president. A member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, he has twice been a delegate to the ULCA convention and has served on various synodical committees. In civic work, he has participated in the Community Hall Commission, the Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club and the Red Cross. He is also a renowned author.

Malcolm M. Palmer, general chairman of last year's \$1,500,000 Lenoir Rhyne Development Program, is president of Stanley Lumber Company in Albemarle. He has completed graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania and Duke University. A member of First Lutheran Church, he has been outstanding in furthering Christian Higher Education programs. He was named "Senior Man of Year" in 1950, and is a member of the

Stanly County Library Board, the Hospital Board, the Chamber of Commerce and the Y. M. C. A.

Harlan L. Creech, professor of commerce at Lenoir Rhyne from 1920 to 1953, is now retired at his Hickory home. A 1909 graduate of Wofford College, he was active in all phases of the work of the Methodist Church until ill health forced his retirement.

## *"Death Takes A Holiday"* To Be Presented May 26

"Death Takes a Holiday," a three-act fantasy by Castella, has been selected as the spring production of the Lenoir Rhyne Playmakers. Scheduled for presentation on May 26, the play will be included as part of the 65th annual commencement exercises.

The leading role, Death, will be portrayed by Bill Trull, a graduating senior, who will be making his farewell appearance of the Lenoir Rhyne stage. Having been particularly active in the drama department, Bill has served as president of the College Playmakers for the past year.

Included in the supporting cast, are: Wanda Hearne, Cora; Jim Reinhardt, Fedele; Dave Wright, Duke Lambert; Barbara Chapman, Alda; Suzanne Covington, Stephane; Billie Sue Brown, Princess; Henry Sink, Baron; Norma Jean Short, Rhoda; Larry Harmon, Eric Fenton; Buzz Peeler, Corrado; Melissa Thompson, Grazia; and Don Nichols, Major Whitrad.

The selected presentation has enjoyed Broadway popularity and has been widely produced by numerous amateur and summer stock groups.



# Work! Work! And More Work!

## A Busy Campus With Busy Students

More Lenoir Rhyne college freshmen hold part and full-time jobs than seniors; 36.65 per cent of the Hickory institution's student body works in positions ranging from clerks and bookkeepers to chefs and morticians; and 324 students accumulate 6897 work hours a week for an average of 22.2 hours per week per student.

These facts are the revelations of a student work survey, conducted several months ago by the Lenoir Rhyne Public Relations Department. At that time, blanks were distributed in the classes, signed by the students, returned to the office and compiled.



Many figures from this survey are quite eye-opening. From a student body of nearly 880, 324 students hold jobs—237 of whom work off campus at Hickory stores and other near-by establishments, while college employment lists 87 students. A little arithmetic here points out that 36.65 per cent of the student body “works.”

The reason why so many students find employment off campus can be easily shown in this comparison: the 237 students working off campus listed 6180 hours for an average of 27.4 hours per week, whereas the 87 students working on campus showed only 717 hours for an average of 8.9 hours per week. This gives a total of 6879 working hours a week for an average of 22.2 hours per week per student.

The working student total of 324 can be broken down as follows: 91 freshmen—68 work off campus and 23 on campus; 80 sophomores—60 work off campus and 20 on campus; 87 juniors—62 work off campus and 25 on campus; and 66 seniors—47 work off campus and 19 on campus.

Such statistics bring to mind a question. Why do more freshmen claim jobs than seniors, (and they do!), since the average senior is looking toward furthering his education, becoming established in business or getting married within the next year.



Or, maybe the freshmen are simply trying to gain a slight "nest-egg" during the first year so they can coast through financial matters the remaining three years. No such survey, can answer this query!

## — 135 Earn While They Learn . . . . .

Now let's look a little more closely at these "off campus" and "on campus" jobs. Lenoir Rhyne has granted 135 work scholarships to students who wish to work on campus. Figures on this portion of the survey look something like this: Dining hall waiters and waitresses, 40; assistant to professors, 11; library assistants, 10; public relations and campaign office staffers, 9. Student clerks, the landscape crew, infirmary, athletic and music department helpers claim a total of seven.

The "off campus" category has been divided into two sections—place of work and type of work. In the former department, statistics show that 48 have positions with department stores; 29 with grocery stores; 22 in various types of mills; 13 with furniture corporations; 11 with automotive establishments; 10 with service stations; eight each in construction, implement and parts companies, newspaper and printing shops, restaurants, pastoral work and recreation centers. Other positions range from radio stations, drug stores, jewelry, book and dime stores, railway express, soft drink companies, theaters and farm work to pool halls, funeral homes, sign companies, motels, dancing schools and coal companies.

## — Off Campus Breakdown . . . . .

The survey next showed that 84 sales clerks have been employed in nearby Catawba County stores. Next in line came 25 office workers, 18 mill workers, 14 bookkeepers, 11 chefs, 10 packing and shipping workmen; nine service station attendants; eight construction workers, six pastors and choir directors; five secretaries, print shop workers and recreation directors and four butchers and painters. Other jobs included laboratory technicians, janitors, radio announcers, chemical workers, newspaper reporters, bakers, dairymen, electricians, bartenders, plumbers, morticians and night watchmen.

Those are the cold facts from a college work survey. Facts and figures speak a language of their own—and this language is written above. However, no such poll could be conducted without finding several extraordinary "hard workers" and a few notes of human interest.

## — "Slaves"; Human Interest Found . . . . .

The survey produced two "slaves"—one man holds two jobs, working at a department store and a hosiery mill for a total of 72 hours a week. What's more, he has worked at these jobs for 25 years, making him quite a belated collegian.

Another young man is married, has three children and works a total of 62 hours a week at four positions—a machine operator for a cable corporation, a sales clerk at a department store; a janitor at an elementary school and a student pastor at St. Mark's Lutheran Church at Boone. Unlimited energy for this senior!

In the human-interest class, two chaps signified on their blanks that they performed "manual labor" as waiters in the college dining hall, with one of them spelling manual, "manuel!" Another student referred to his produce company job as "back-breaking," while still another commented at the bottom of his blank, "I quit this job last week."

Then too, there's the funeral home assistant who wrote about his type of work, "The work that anyone who works at a funeral home does."

And the survey even produced one young man who works 48 hours a week owning and operating his own china market!

Work, work, work—not to even mention "time out" for studying English, mathematics and science!

*Lenoir Rhyne Will Greet Her Returning Alumni  
May 27-28 At The 65th Annual Commencement  
Exercises. PLAN NOW TO ATTEND.*

## Stirewalts Complete Plans For European Tour



Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Stirewalt, Jr. point out on a large world map the route they will travel this summer on the European Study Project. The couple will serve as counselors for the two-month journey which includes visits in Germany, France and Austria.

Dr. M. Luther Stirewalt, Jr., professor of Ancient Languages at Lenoir Rhyne college, and his wife, Frances Stirewalt, have recently accepted an invitation by the Division of College and University work of the National Lutheran Council to serve as counselors for a two-month European Study Project this summer.

Dr. and Mrs. Stirewalt will leave Hickory in mid-June and return the latter part of August. During this time, they will tour Germany, France and Austria.

The European Study Project, an annual plan of the National Lutheran Council, offers to students the opportunity to spend a summer abroad studying church life and foreign Christian movements. This year, Dr. and Mrs. Stirewalt, will serve as counselors to 16 college students from all parts of the United States who are making the trip.

Last year, Bill Jennings of Charlotte and Miss Lois Fink, art instructor, both of Lenoir Rhyne, took part in this project.

Included in the itinerary will be a student conference in Paris, led by Pastor Andre Appel, visits to Versailles, the student house at Beivres, conferences with French Protestant Church leaders and tours of the major university centers and historic Lutheran sites in Germany. Highlighting the tour will be a mass rally of more than 100,000 German Protestants at the German Kirchentag. Other cities to be visited include Frankfurt, Hannover, Marburg, Heidelberg, Tuebingen, Stuttgart, Ulm, Augsburg, Munich and Bonn. A conference in Berlin with students from the East Zone of Germany will also be a feature of the project.

The last week of the trip will be set aside for travel in Europe according to the desires of the students.

To the Stirewalts, the invitation came as "quite a shock." However, as proposed arrangements became realities, they accepted and are looking forward to their first summer on European soil.

## R. A. Sigmon Heads Maintenance Department; Has Kept Lenoir Rhyne Neat For 23 Years

Indeed it is not by coincidence that the campus of Lenoir Rhyne is a well-kept show place the year-round. With approximately twenty acres of lawn to mow and tend, along with the upkeep of eleven buildings, the maintenance department is probably one of the busiest of the campus.

The man responsible for the present status of the rolling verdant acres is Mr. R. A. Sigmon, who for more than 23 years has headed the maintenance department of the college.

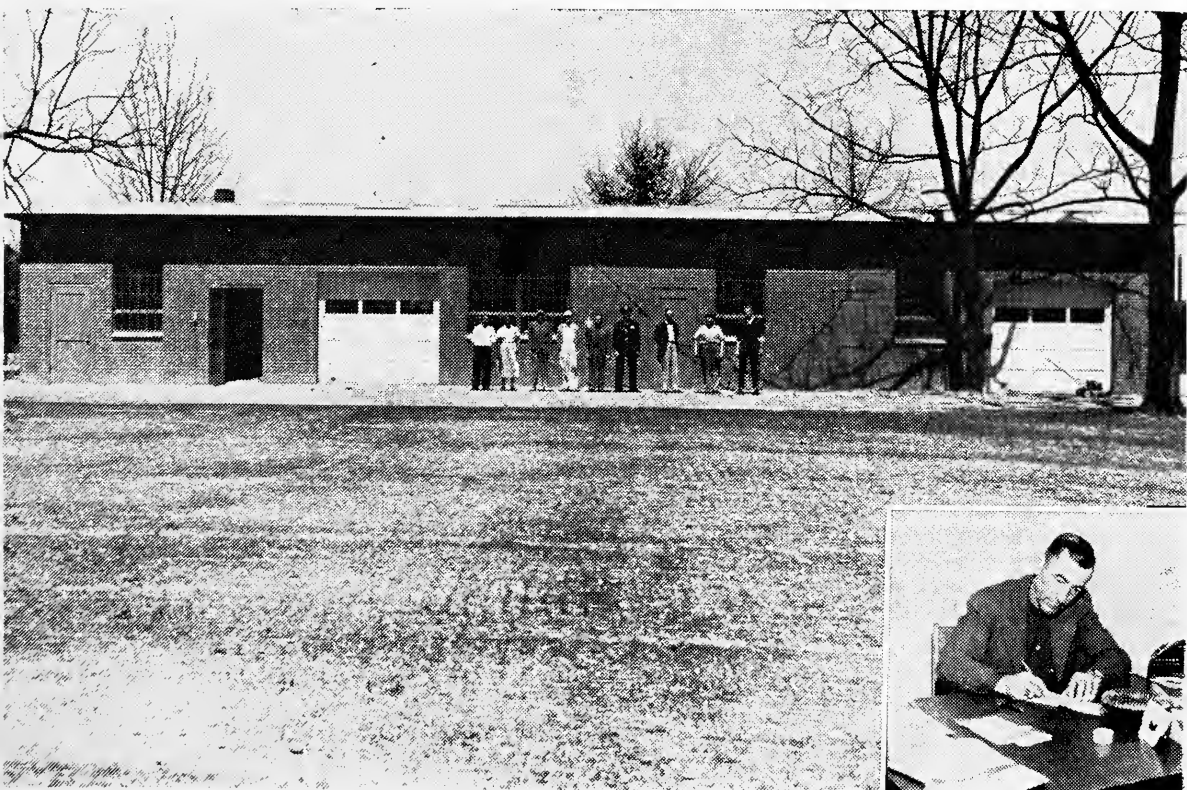
Mr. Sigmon, who accepted the job in the depression days when Dr. Brent Shaffeur was president, was born and raised right here on a Catawba county farm. "I had my hands full during my first days here," Mr. Sigmon recalls, "for along with the maintenance of the seven buildings that were then Lenoir Rhyne college, we also raised vegetables and provided meat for the dining hall." Going on he added, "We raised hogs and cured many hams and shoulders for the school. In addition there was a large chicken house which was under the care of Mr. Kuhn, now deceased, who until four years ago was the night policeman."

Not enough? There were no stokers. All the buildings were fired by hand and there was no heat in the dormitories at night during anytime of the year. With a staff of two, Mr. Sigmon also included in his routine, the repair work of all the boilers, equipment, and lighting facilities; the sweeping of all the buildings which was consistently done twice weekly; and the mowing of approximately six acres of lawn with hand mowers. As the facilities got progressively better, a horse and field mower were acquired.

As to be expected, the department has developed since its earlier days, and heads a staff of ten employees, which is responsible for the maintenance of eleven campus buildings and ten homes. Included on this staff are the following individuals who are presently affiliated with the department:

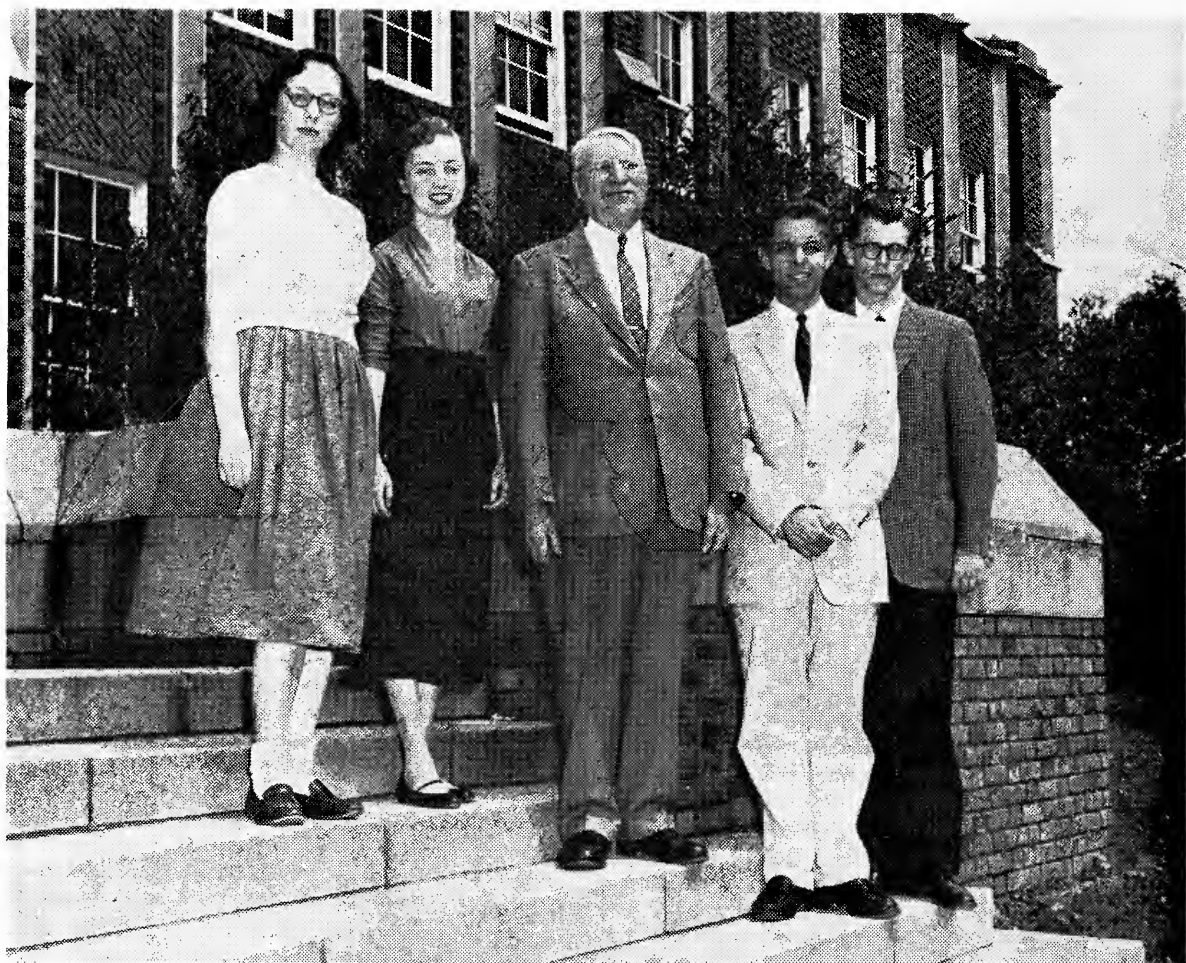
Mr. A. Westmorland, a full-time painter, who has been at Lenoir Rhyne for ten years; Henry Tucker, two years; Harry Keller, one year; Lonnie Sherrill, two years; A. O. Sigmon, four years, night policeman; Gordon Suddreth, fifteen years; George

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Members of the Lenoir Rhyne Maintenance Department pose proudly in front of the new \$12,000 Maintenance Building recently constructed behind Highland and Fritz Halls. The insert Mr. R. A. Sigmon, head of the department, working in his new office.





Lenoir Rhyne's debaters compiled an enviable record at the Grand National Debate Tournament recently at Martha Washington College in Virginia. Above, Mary Lenoir Cilley, Anne Wilfong, Dr. Albert Keiser, Paulwyn Boliek and Dav Wright pause after their victories.

#### ANOTHER LR CHAMPION—

## DEBATERS CLIMAX SUCCESSFUL SEASON; BOLIEK, WRIGHT TAKE NATIONAL HONORS

Lenoir Rhyne's debaters completely swept the honors at the Grand National Debate Tournament, held in April, on the campus of Martha Washington College of the University of Virginia, with the affirmative team of Dave Wright and Paulwyn Boliek being declared Grand National Forensic Tournament champions.

The Fredricksburg, Va. tournament, sponsored by the Strawberry Leaf Society, was entered by 26 outstanding colleges and universities from all sections of the United States.

Lenoir Rhyne entered three teams—Paulwyn Boliek, Greenville, S. C., and Dave Wright, Greensboro, affirmative; Mary Lenoir Cilley and Anne Wilfong, both of Hickory, negative; and Bill McCullough, Lincolnton, and John Smart, Mooresboro, both affirmative and negative.

Of the nine debates—divided into three sections—the team of Boliek and Wright took first place in all three divisions. The negative team of Cilley and Wilfong won first place in one division.

Judging for the tournament was compiled by the votes of the opponents of each team they faced.

Dave Wright entered the impromptu speaking division and advanced to the finals bracket.

Second place at the tournament resulted in a tie between Lake Forest College of Lake Forest, Ill., and Vanderbilt University of Nashville, Tenn. Princeton University finished in fourth place and Brigham Young of Utah placed fifth.

The query for the debates was: "Resolved, That the non-agricultural industries of the United States should guarantee their employees an annual wage."



# 641 STUDENT VOTERS MEET AT POLLS TO ELECT LEADERS FOR 1956-57 SESSION

Paulwyn Boliek, a true Southerner from Greenville, S. C., was elected Tuesday to the highest student government position on the Lenoir Rhyne College campus here—president of the student body.

Boliek, who will follow Dave Wright as president, defeated Farrell Brown of Mt. Ulla in a battle that was rated a near toss-up at polling time. A total of 641 voters walked to the polls, with this figure lacking by only two tying last year's record vote of 643 students.

Two Hickory students, George Keck and Shirley Hefner claimed victories in the vice presidential and secretary-treasurer races. All of these new officers will assume their duties at the beginning of the 1956-57 term.

In the Student Cabinet elections, final returns showed a slate of members as follows:

Seniors: Carl Ficken, North Augusta, S. C., and Carolyn Todd, Walhalla, S. C.

Juniors: Bob Kepley, Marlowe, Ga., and Marie Beatty, Charlotte.

Sophomores: Luther Boliek, Greenville, S. C., and Tanya Abernathy, Hickory.

An outstanding debator and forensic competitor, Paulwyn Boliek began his line of Lenoir Rhyne offices by being elected president of his Freshman Class. He has served as advertising and business managers of the *Lenoir Rhynean*, was Junior representative to the Cabinet this year, and is a member of four honorary and social fraternities—Theta Chi, Iota Epsilon Omega, Alpha Tau Kappa, Pi Kappa Delta. In addition, he is an assistant in the English Department.

George Keck, also a debator and a Cabinet member, has been outstanding in his two years on the campus. He is a member of the a cappella choir, Alpha Tau Kappa and Pi Kappa Delta forensic fraternities, Kappa Chi religious fellowship and president of the North Carolina Luther League.

The sole day student named to a major

office, Shirley Hefner has accumulated an enviable academic record during her three years at Lenoir Rhyne. She received a bid to Mu Sigma Epsilon, honorary scholastic fraternity, this spring and will be initiated next fall. She will also be president of the Association for Childhood Education next year.

A brief sketch on each of the 1956-57 Cabinet members follows:

Carl Ficken From North Augusta, S. C.; member of Theta Chi social fraternity and Kappa Chi religious fellowship; a language major with plans to enter the Lutheran ministry; active in the Lutheran Students Association; vice president of this year's student body.

Carolyn Todd: From Walhalla, S. C.; co-president of Lutheran Students Association next year; member of the Sphinx sorority; active in the Young Women's Christian Association and Religious Council work; member of the Women's Hall Commission; first venture into college student government.

Bob Kepley: From Marlowe, Ga.; vice president of Sophomore class; a debator; a member of the band, a cappella choir, Kappa Chi religious fellowship and the Lutheran Students Association; first venture into student government.

Marie Beatty: From Charlotte; freshman representative to Cabinet; served on Student-Faculty Nominating Committee; a cheerleader; member of the a cappella choir and Lutheran Student Association; dining hall worker.

Luther Boliek: From Greenville, S. C.; president of the Freshman Class this year; a cheerleader; member of Theta Chi social fraternity and Kappa Chi religious fellowship; active in Lutheran Students Association, was officer in high school student government.

Tanya Abernathy: From Hickory; freshman representative to the Cabinet this year; member of the Philla sorority; associate feature editor of the *Lenoir Rhynean*.

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Dula, eight years; James Davis, six years; and Minnie Giles, maid for women's dormitories, twenty years.

Looking back on his career, Mr. Sigmon notes that he attributes a lot of his success at getting things done at Lenoir Rhyne to his wife, the former Ruth Bost, of Hickory. Together they have experienced thirty years of happy married life. Mrs. Sigmon has also worked at the college for the past fifteen years.

"My work has been a pleasure," Mr. Sigmon emphasizes. "My association with everyone at Lenoir Rhyne—the faculty, staff, administration, and students has been very rewarding. Everyone has been most helpful and co-operative, and understanding in carry the load of maintenance work."

## *L. R. Student Chosen To Head National Fellowship*

Donald Safrit, Lenoir Rhyne college sophomore from China Grove, was elected president of Kappa Chi National Religious Fellowship during the business sessions of the National Kappa Chi Convention, held April 13-14 on the campus of McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill.

Safrit, recreation secretary of the local chapter, was Lenoir Rhyne's delegate to the convention. He was installed national president for two years at the close of the gathering.

Approximately 35 delegates from six Midwestern, Central and Southern colleges attended the convention. Institutions represented included Evansville College, Evansville, Ind., Nebraska Wesleyan, Duke University, High Point, Centenary College (La.,) and Lenoir Rhyne.

Lenoir Rhyne was the only Lutheran college represented and Safrit is the first Lutheran to become national president. Last year, Galen Hill of High Point College served in that capacity.

## *L. R. Diamond Squad Top Contender For North State Crown*

With only three seniors on the team and loaded with freshmen and sophomores, Coach Mac Erwin's baseballers hit the midpoint in their 1956 campaign with a 6-7 won-lost record.

However, the Bears were still figured as one of the top contenders for the North State Conference crown and with nine loop tilts remaining were the only team in the circuit with a single defeat.

Erwin's club is a cinch to better last year's 7-11 overall record with six wins already under their belt. Biggest factor in this improvement has been the rise of several frosh and sophs to stardom plus the continued fine play of the seniors.

Catcher Billy Johnson, first baseman Ralph Carswell, third baseman Jerry Fox, and John James are all first year men who have cracked the starting lineup. Other frosh who have started at one time or the other are: shortstop-first baseman Frank Weber, pitchers John Coulter and Bill Baird, and infielder Ken Lovingood.

The three last-year men, outfielder Joe Buff, Captain and second baseman Jimmy Kimmell, and hurler Buzz Peeler and juniors, pitcher Raeford Thomas, shortstop Mike Glover, and utility man Walt Cornwell formed the nucleus of the 1956 outfit.

Lenoir Rhyne opened their current season by dropping two consecutive contests to two strong non-loop foes, Belmont Abbey and Wofford. They then copped two straight over Davidson and Wittenberg before losing two more to Pfeiffer and Elon.

In loop play, the Bears have defeated High Point and Appalachian while losing to Guilford in a close 1-0 game. Lefty Buzz Peeler was the victim of the Guilford setback, losing on an unearned run in the first inning although limiting the Quakers to only five safeties.

Peeler and Thomas, as expected, have been the workhorses of the mound staff. Thomas posted a 2-1 record while hurling 47 innings and Peeler had a 2-3 mark while tossing 35 frames.

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## *Honorary Music Society Initiates Ten Neophytes*

Mu Beta Tau, honorary music fraternity of Lenoir Rhyne, recently extended membership bids to 10 students, all sophomores and juniors.

The following students have accepted the invitations of Mu Beta Tau to become members of the fraternity: Fritz Apple, sophomore from Greensboro; Keith Coble, junior from Julian; Gordon Ward, junior from Durham; George Keck, sophomore from Hickory; Anna Kirby, junior from Gastonia; Sara Marley, sophomore from Gastonia; Brenda Smith, sophomore from Newton; Joyce Rice, sophomore from Matthews; Gale Coffey, sophomore from Kings Creek; and Marion Overcash, junior from East Lansdowne, Pa.

The 10 initiates participated in induction services on March 15, with a formal initiation to follow in the near future at the home of Prof Kenneth B. Lee, head of the college music department.

Members of Mu Beta Tau are chosen on the basis of outstanding participation in the extra-curricular musical activities of the college.



Pictured above are the members of the 1956 Bear baseball team. Left to right: bottom row—outfielder Joe Buff, outfielder-pitcher Walt Cornwell, infielder Jimmy Kimmell, outfielder-pitcher Buzz Peeler, and infielder Mike Glover. Second row—infielder Ken Lovingood, catcher Henry Barkley, first baseman Ralph Carswell, infielder Jerry Fox, pitcher Mac Brawley, and catcher Bill Johnson. Third row—manager Clyde Sifford, pitcher Bill Baird, pitcher John Coulter, infielder Frank Weber, outfielder John James, and Coach Mac Erwin. Not pictured—Raeford Thomas and Leveo Sperotto.

Both Peeler and Thomas have posted earned run averages under 4.00 per game and each has gone the route on one occasion.

Walt Cornwell was expected to be another ace pitcher early in the season but he suffered an arm injury against Wofford and has seen little action since. Before going to the sidelines, Cornwell had pitched nine innings and given up only one run on five hits. He also played regular centerfield and had batted .309 and clouted two home runs before his untimely injury.

Although shut out twice this season, the Bear club has compiled a fine hitting mark. As a team the Bruins were hitting .280, led by Carswell's hefty .409 average.

Peeler, taking over Cornwell's centerfield slot, has amassed a .394 batting mark while Fox is hitting .300. Johnson and Sperotto are just below the .300 mark with .286 averages.

Carswell also leads the team in hits, runs, RBI's, and stolen bases. The Hickory native has chased 11 runs across the plate in 13 games followed by Kimmell's 10 RBI's.

Coach Erwin tried many combinations before finding the right one but now he

is confident he has found the right combo. Top move was Johnson's switch from the infield to the catcher's berth. Johnson responded by collecting six hits in his first three games as a receiver.

Johnson's shift to catcher prompted Fox's move to third base, where he has stood out. Only a frosh, Fox packs the heaviest bat in camp and shows promise as a true slugger.

The Bruins have nine loop tilts remaining and only time will tell whether they will be title contenders or not. Should the pitching round into form as expected, the Bruins will be tough to handle.

#### BULLETIN

Lenoir Rhyme College staged their annual spring sports banquet Thursday, May 10, at the college dining hall. Members of the baseball, track, tennis, and basketball teams were honored. Homer C. "Joby" Hawn, was the main speaker. A former LR grid star, Hawn is now the top judge in the Atlantic Coast Conference and called the Orange Bowl game this season.

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Mu Sigma Epsilon, honorary scholastic society, recently initiated seven new members—five seniors and two juniors. Smiling broadly after the ceremony are, left to right, front row, Anne Wilfong, Hickory; Mrs. Dorothy Gregory, Rhodhiss; Betty Bates, Lincolnton; and Joanne Frye, Kannapolis. Back row, David Wright, Greensboro; William McCullough, Lincolnton; and William Jennings, Charlotte.

#### HISTORY AND SCIENCE MAJORS—

## FIVE GRADUATES OF CLASS OF 1956 ACCEPT GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

Thus far, five members of the graduating class of 1956 have been awarded fellowships for further study in their selected fields. They have been announced as follows:

Mary Ann McCarley, of Hickory, has accepted an assistantship for study toward an M.A. degree in history at the University of Georgia. The award is valued at \$1200 renewable annually. Mary Ann has actively participated in the extra-curricular program of Lenoir Rhyne and was chosen to be maid-of-honor at the 1956 May Day festivities. She is an assistant in the college history department.

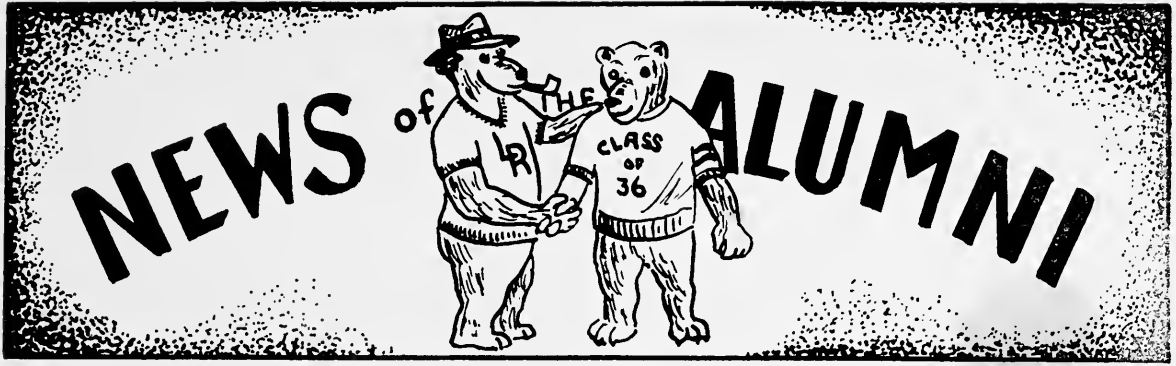
Dean Jones, of Hildebran, was announced as recipient of a fellowship for study at the University of South Carolina. A chemistry major at Lenoir Rhyne, Dean plans to attain an M.A. degree in this field and proceed to toward a Ph.D. Also active in the extra-curricular activities of the campus, he has been a member of the college band, Chi Beta Phi, honorary science fraternity, science club, and Tau

Kappa Epsilon, social fraternity.

Claude Huggins, another Hickory native, has made plans to join Dean Jones for study at the University of South Carolina. Carrying only two-thirds of the normal load, he will also assist in the chemistry department and work for a Master of Science degree and eventually for a Ph.D. Huggins claims membership in the science club, and in Chi Beta Phi.

Paul Lutz, a chemistry-biology major from Dallas, has accepted an assistantship to the University of Miami to begin work toward a M.S. degree this fall. During his college career, he has been active in the science club, band, Chi Beta Phi, and Sigma Phi Epsilon, social fraternity, of which he has served as vice-president.

Ray Yount, of Hickory, was earlier announced as a recipient of a fellowship for further study at the University of North Carolina. He will work for a Master of Science degree in the field of Chemistry. Yount has claimed membership in the science club and Chi Beta Phi.



Miss Ardis Miller, '54, has been announced as recipient of a Fellowship to the University of Tennessee, by the department of zoology. She will begin her work as a Graduate Assistant in September and will study toward a Master of Science degree. Prior to this time, she has been teaching in the Hickory School system.

Dr. K. Z. Morgan, head of the health physics department at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, has made plans for a trip to Europe to confer with European health physicists. Dr. Morgan is the former head of the Chemistry department of Lenoir Rhyne.

Miss Sunshine Burchell Murphy, an alumna of the class of 1954, has been selected for a foreign assignment with Army Special Services. Miss Murphy departed for a one-year assignment in Korea on March 14, 1956.



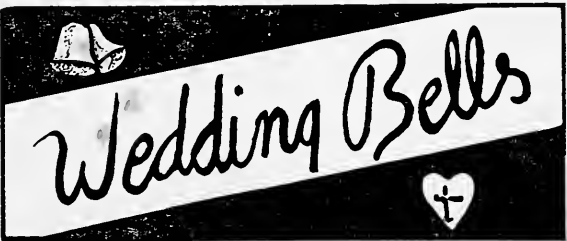
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred D. Rhyne have announced the birth of a daughter, Dana Marie, who was born April 2. The Rhynes are now living in Columbia, where Alfred is attending the Southern Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Noblett have announced the birth of a son, Ralph Scott, on June 26, 1955. Mr. Noblett is an alumnus of the class of 1954, and is now serving with the U. S. Army in Japan.

A son, Gary Thomas, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar F. Barger on October 17, 1955. Mrs. Barger was the former Frances Rhyne, a graduate of the class of 1946. Mr. Barger also attended Lenoir Rhyne.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller Propst, of Concord, announced the birth of a son, Joseph Miller Propst, Jr., born on March 30. Mrs. Propst is the former Miss Mary Ruth Klutz, who is a graduate of the commercial class of 1952. Mr. Propst also attended Lenoir Rhyne.

The Reverend and Mrs. Charles E. Bernhardt, of Wilmington, have announced the birth of a son, Timothy Paul, who was born on February 14. The Rev. Bernhardt, at present pastor of St. Matthews Lutheran church in Wilmington, is a graduate of the class of 1942, and Mrs. Bernhardt is the former Gladys Boggs of the class of '43.



Miss Bess Wiley McGee and William Clyde Ramseur pledged wedding nuptials on Saturday, April 14. Mr. Ramseur attended Lenoir Rhyne in 1952.

Harry Faggart and Jean Deaton were married in St. James Lutheran church in Concord, April 22. Mrs. Faggart received her secretarial training at Lenoir Rhyne and is now employed as secretary in Charlotte. Mr. Faggart is a graduate of the class of 1950 and graduated from the University of North Carolina Law school in 1953.

The engagement of Miss Thelma Bernhardt, '54, to J. C. Nesbitt, '55, was announced in March. Thelma, a native of New York, has been teaching in the Hickory city schools.

The wedding of Miss Jo Anne Townsend, '54, of Hickory, to Mr. Donald Paul

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Flick, of Kitanning, Pa., was solemnized March 31 in Hickory. Mrs. Flick was recently enrolled in the Theological Seminary in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Miss Laura Beatrice Childress was recently wed to Mr. Robert David Witherspoon, on March 25. Mr. Witherspoon, who has just previously served five years in the Air Force, is now living in Hickory.

Miss Mary Ann Wolfe, '55, and Mr.

David Wright, have announced wedding plans for July 15. Wright is a graduating senior of 1956.

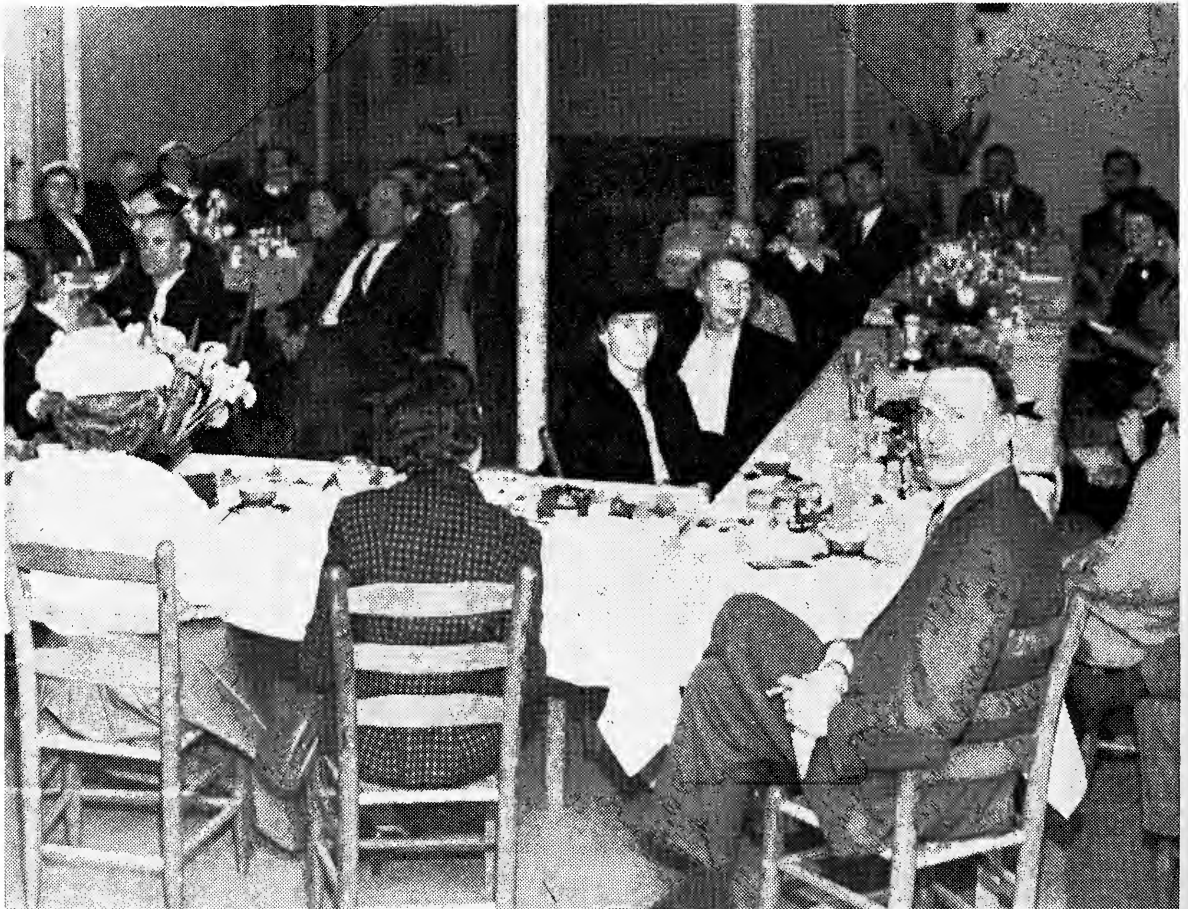
Miss Sybil Jolene Yancy, commercial class of 1951, became the bride of Mr. David Lee Honeycutt on September 24, 1955. The couple is residing in Newton.

In a candlelight ceremony on Sunday, April 8, Miss Edith Elizabeth Richard became the bride of Charles Ray Wilson. Wilson is an alumnus of the class of 1950 and is presently situated in Hickory.

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#### SOCIAL OUTINGS STIMULATE INTEREST—

## ALUMNI CHAPTERS HOLD ANNUAL SPRING MEETINGS

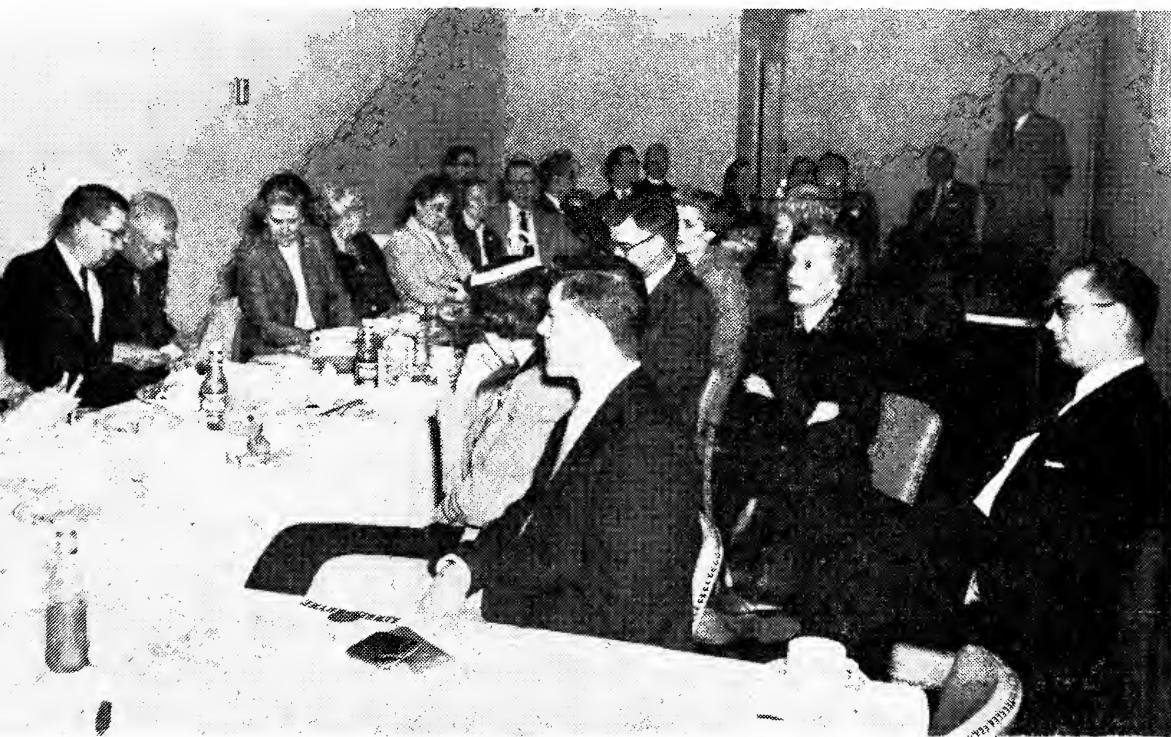


The Rowan County Alumni Chapter met recently at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, China Grove, for their annual Spring Banquet. Dr. Voigt Cromer, Earl Aiken, Coach Clarence Stasovich and Paulwyn Boliek presented a program concerning Lenoir Rhyne.





The Rowan County Alumni Chapter also elected new officers at the recent Spring Banquet. Shown above, left to right, are Rev. Marion Starr, vice-president; Rev. George Robertson, president; Dr. Grover C. Palmer, out-going president; and Mrs. Paul S. Campbell, secretary-treasurer.



The South Carolina Alumni Chapter held their annual Spring Banquet in Columbia, S. C. A large group of South Carolina alumni were present to hear Dr. Voigt Cromer, Earl Aiken and Coach Clarence Stasavich present the Lenoir Rhyne Development Program. Dr. Cromer can be seen in the background of the above photo.



The family of Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Fritz, Sr. recently gathered for a reunion in Hickory. Dr. Fritz is a former president and professor emeritus of mathematics at Lenoir Rhyne. Shown above are the descendants of Dr. and Mrs. Fritz. Of this group, the following are Lenoir Rhyne alumni: R. L. Fritz, Jr., North Wilkesboro; Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Fritz and daughter, Margaret, Bryn Mawr, Pa.; Mrs. Victor Aderholdt, Hickory; Mrs. Samuel McGeiver, Asheboro; Miss Lucretia Fritz, Hickory; Dr. and Mrs. William A. Fritz, Hickory; Dr. Jacob Fritz, Hickory; Mrs. L. B. Adcox, Salisbury and Dr. Conrad Fritz, Hickory. Also shown in the picture are President and Mrs. Voigt R. Cromer, special guests at the reunion.

## *The Following Classes Will Have Reunions On Alumni Day, May 26:*

1896	1926
1901	1931
1906	1936
1911	1941
1916	1946
1921	1951

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# 1955-56 LOYALTY FUND REPORT

As the Alumni Bulletin went to press the latter part of April, the total of the 1955-56 *Loyalty Fund* was \$1459 with 148 alumni contributing. These contributors are listed on the following pages.

At the end of the 1955-56 campaign, the complete list of contributors will be printed in a future Alumni Bulletin. *Loyalty Fund* chairman, Tom Rhodes, stated that

many more alumni must contribute to this fund to reach a reasonable apportionment of the goal of \$15,000. He urged everyone to give all they can (however little it might be) to help make the 1955-56 *Loyalty Fund* a success.

Those contributing to the 1955-56 *Loyalty Fund* of Lenoir Rhyne College are as follows:

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# PROGRAM

The Sixty-Fifth Annual Commencement

**Lenoir Rhyne College**

HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA

MAY 24 — MAY 28, 1956

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## THURSDAY, MAY 24

Junior-Senior Oratorical Contest ..... 8:15 P. M.  
Assembly Building

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## FRIDAY, MAY 25

Commencement Recital ..... 8:15 P. M.  
Assembly Building

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## SATURDAY, MAY 26

Alumni Luncheon ..... 12:00 Noon  
Speaker: The Reverend J. White Iddings, B.D., '27  
Pastor, First Lutheran Church  
Albemarle, North Carolina

Business Meeting of Alumni Association ..... 2:00 P. M.  
College Dining Hall

Class Reunions ..... 3:00 P. M.  
Classes of 1896, 1901, 1906, 1911, 1916, 1921, 1926,  
1931, 1936, 1941, 1946 and 1951

Tea for Alumni, Seniors and Visitors. 3:30 to 4:45 P. M.

Class Day Exercises ..... 5:00 P. M.

Commencement Play ..... 8:15 P. M.  
City Auditorium

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## SUNDAY, MAY 27

Baccalaureate Service ..... 11:00 A. M.

Speaker: The Reverend Robert Paul Roth, M.A., Ph.D.  
Professor of New Testament  
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary  
Columbia, South Carolina  
Center Theater

Reception for Graduates and Their Parents  
3:00 to 5:00 P. M.

Home of President and Mrs. Voigt R. Cromer

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## MONDAY, MAY 28

Graduation Exercises ..... 10:00 A. M.

Speaker: Theodore A. Distler, M.A., LL.D., D.Sc., in Ed.  
Executive Director, Association of American Colleges  
Washington, D. C.  
Center Theater